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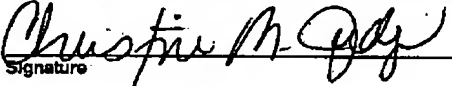
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, Paper No. 8, kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.